

HOUSE BILL 1725  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-4-101,  
relative to the interstate compact on juveniles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-4-101, is amended  
by adding the following language as a new appropriately designated article to the  
interstate compact on juveniles:

The governor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the following  
amendment to the interstate compact on juveniles in the form substantially as  
follows:

Article \_\_\_\_\_. This article shall provide additional remedies, and shall be  
binding only as among and between those party states which specially execute  
the same.

(a) For purposes of this article, "child," as used herein, means any  
minor within the jurisdictional age limits of any court in the home state.

(b) When any child is brought before a court of a state of which  
the child is not a resident and such state is willing to permit the child's  
return to the home state of the child, the home state, upon being so

advised by the state in which such proceeding is pending, shall immediately institute proceedings to determine the residence and jurisdictional facts as to the child in the home state. Upon finding that the child is in fact a resident of the home state and subject to the jurisdiction of the court thereof, the court having custody of the child shall within five (5) days authorize the return of such child to the home state, and to the parent or custodial agency legally authorized to accept custody of the child in the home state. The home state shall be responsible for the expenses incurred in returning the child promptly to the home state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.